Jefferson Smith

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Expert chemist with over 5 years' experience in biochemical research: Excellent work ethic, communication, and teamwork skills

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Chemistry

B.A., Chemistry

The University of Virginia The University of Virginia

2009

2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow Graduate Research Assistant

2014 – Present 2009 – 2014

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Laboratory Research

- Determined structure and dynamics of several protein systems, primarily through multidimensional NMR spectroscopic techniques
- Studied enzymatic kinetics and mechanisms of biomolecules with a wide variety of targets
- Expressed protein using a diverse range of bacterial cell lines and vectors
- Amplified DNA segments via polymerase chain reaction to incorporate into bacterial colonies for specific genetic manipulation necessary for multiple experiments
- Isolated and purified many different protein systems via multiple chromatographic techniques
- Identified and quantified unknown reagents and products in biochemical reactions with various spectroscopic and scattering techniques
- Maintained upkeep and calibration of many laboratory instruments
- Developed SOPs for many instruments and techniques used in laboratory
- Tracked use and supply of various materials for laboratory
- Fostered ongoing collaborations with researchers at UVa in the Microbiology, Pharmacology, Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics departments to advance multiple projects
- Presented research at a variety of national and regional scientific conferences as both platform talks and poster presentations

Research Project Mentor

- Defined research goals, engaged in troubleshooting, and designed experimental approaches towards the purification and biophysical characterization of the thrombospondin repeat domains of the brain angiogenesis-1 protein for an undergraduate student
- Instructed and supervised undergraduate students in both organization and progress of research
- Oversaw training of new researchers for a variety of laboratory techniques
- Developed formal presentations aimed at both experts and novices in the field, detailing theory and application of relevant techniques
- Developed clear and concise protocols and trained other researchers in proper use of several laboratory instruments

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Biochemistry and From Your Lab Bench to Your Medicine Cabinet Intern Instructor

- Presented 50-minute lectures to 90 undergraduates in the senior level Biochemistry 4411/4421 lab sections
- Led and facilitated discussion and analysis of contemporary primary literature articles in the senior level chemistry
 of pharmaceuticals CHEM4430 course

Biochemistry and General Chemistry Laboratory Teaching Assistant

- Instructed undergraduate students in on theory and proper techniques for a variety of biochemical assays
- Developed new course material and instruction in collaboration with faculty and graduate students

Tomorrow's Professors Today Fellow

• Selected to participate in program that fostered graduate student improvement in three key areas – student preparedness in teaching, professional development, and adjustment to a university career

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microbiology Techniques

- Bacterial transformation
- Bacterial cloning
- Bacterial culturing
- Aseptic technique
- Maintaining bacterial strain stocks
- PCR amplification
- Site directed mutagenesis

General Software

- MatLab
- Origin
- MS Office Suite
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Bash Scripts
- Python
- Java
- C++
- HTML

- **Biochemistry Techniques**
 - NMR and EPR spectroscopy
 - UV/vis spectroscopy
 - Isothermal titration calorimetry
 - Crystallography
 - Gel electrophoresis
 - Western blotting
 - ELISA
 - Circular dichroism spectroscopy
 - Small angle X-ray scattering
 - MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry
 - Dynamic light scattering
 - FPLC and HPLC
 - Ion exchange, size exclusion, and immobilized metal affinity chromatography

Operating Systems

- Windows variants
- Mac OS variants
- Linux and Linux-based derivatives

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

- <u>X</u>, BM Kroncke, TS Solomon, and L Columbus. (2014). Mapping membrane protein backbone dynamics: a comparison of site-directed spin labeling to NMR ¹⁵N relaxation measurements. (Under review).
- DA Fox, P Larsson, X, BM Kroncke, P Kasson, and L Columbus (2014). The structure of the Neisserial outer membrane protein Opa₆₀: Loop flexibility essential to receptor recognition and bacterial engulfment. (Accepted, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*).
- RC Oliver, J Lipfert, DA Fox, X, S Doniach, L Columbus (2013). Dependence of micelle size and shape on detergent alkyl chain length and head group. *PLOS ONE*. 8 (5).
- BM Kenwood, JL Weaver, A Bajwa, FL Byrne, BA Murrow, JA Calderone, L Huang, AS Diyakaruni, JL Tomsig, K Okabe, X, GC Coleman, L Columbus, z Yan, JJ Saucerman, JS Smith, JW Holmes, KR Lynch, KS Ravichandran, S Uchiyama, WL Santos, GW Rogers, MD Okusa, DA Bayliss, and KL Hoehn. Identification of a novel mitochondrial uncoupler that does not depolarize the plasma membrane. *Molecular Metabolism. 2 (5)*.

Invited Platform Presentations

 <u>X</u>, DA Fox and L Columbus. Ionic strength modulates β-barrel membrane protein loop dynamics and interactions and dramatically affect NMR spectral quality, *Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society*, *Inc.* 2012. Raleigh, NC.